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### **46<sup>th</sup> Annual Cabrillo Festival Brings History to Life** **Saturday, September 26 - Sunday, September 27**

**SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA** - *Cultures come together and history comes alive* at the 46<sup>th</sup> Annual Cabrillo Festival, one of the oldest cultural events in San Diego. Cabrillo National Monument Superintendent Tom Workman, Cabrillo Festival, Inc. Immediate President Mary Correia and Naval Base Point Loma Commanding Officer, Capt. Paul Marconi, announced today that the festival will take place on Saturday, September 26 and Sunday, September 27, 2009.

This year's festival opens with a 16<sup>th</sup> century Spanish Soldier's Living History Encampment, on Saturday September 26 from 11:00 AM until 4:00 PM, at Cabrillo National Monument, *San Diego's National Park*. The half hour National Park Service film, *In Search of Cabrillo*, will be presented in the Cabrillo National Monument auditorium at 10:00 AM, 2:00 PM and 4:00 PM. The *Juan Rodríguez Cabrillo and the Age of Exploration* exhibit will be open from 9:00 AM until 5:00 PM at the visitor center. At 12:00 Noon, Historian Joseph Sánchez, Ph.D., Superintendent of the National Park Service's Spanish Colonial Research Center and Petroglyph National Monument of Albuquerque, New Mexico, will present a PowerPoint presentation entitled *Filipinas and the California Coast, 1512-1793* in the auditorium.

The festival continues with a concert by Navy Band Southwest Brass Ensemble, Kumeyaay Wildcat Songs by Jon Meza Cuero and the Aukas, and a Commemorative Ceremony and Wreath-Laying on Saturday, September 26 at 4:00 PM at the statue of Juan Rodríguez Cabrillo (Joao Rodrigues Cabrilho), located at Cabrillo National Monument. Dr. Sánchez will give the keynote address.

Because September 26, 2009 is National Public Lands Day, a "Fee Free Day," no entrance fee will be charged at Cabrillo National Monument and all activities at the park will be free of charge.

Beginning Saturday evening, the focus of the festival shifts from Cabrillo National Monument. The *Cabrillo Discovery Celebration Dinner-Dance*, sponsored by the Cabrillo Civic Club #16, will be held at the S.E.S. Hall, 2818 Avenida de Portugal, in Point Loma, at 6:30 PM. Tickets are \$40 per person and may be purchased by calling 619-426-0769 or 619-221-8084.

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The main event of the festival is the Open House on Sunday, September 27, from 11:00 AM – 4:00 PM. For the third straight year, the Cabrillo Festival Open House will take place at Ballast Point, believed to be the actual location where Cabrillo landed on September 28, 1542. Ballast Point is located on Naval Base Point Loma, at the south end of Rosecrans Street. Admission is free.

The Cabrillo Festival Open House will feature colorful displays of dancing, storytelling and music from Mexico, Native America, Portugal and Spain. This event features Mexican, Native American, Portuguese and Spanish food; Kumeyaay basket weaving; a living history encampment, where 16<sup>th</sup> century Spanish soldiers demonstrate the arms, armor, implements and daily life; children's activities, 2009 Miss Cabrillo Festival, Miss Janessa Garcia and 2009 Queen of the Casa de España, Miss LeAna Alvarez.

The re-enactment of Cabrillo's historic landing at Ballast Point, at 1:00 PM, is always a highlight of the festival. Re-enactors dressed as Cabrillo and crew will sail into San Diego Bay aboard *San Salvador* (the revenue cutter *Californian* from the Maritime Museum of San Diego, which is the official tall ship of the state of California), landing at Ballast Point and "claiming the land" for the King of Spain. A special treat this year will be the presence of *La Victoria* (the clipper schooner *Lynx* from Portsmouth, New Hampshire) in Cabrillo's small armada.

Confirmed for the Open House are:

- 🌿 11:00 -11:35 AM - ***Mou Pilkuyac*** from the Universidad Nacional Autonoma de Baja California en Ensenada (Mexican Regional Dance)
- 🌿 11:40 AM – 12:15 PM - ***Danza Mexi'cayotl*** (Aztec Dance)
- 🌿 12:20 – 12:55 PM - **Actor, Historian and Fulbright-Hays Scholar Abel Silvas** (Juaneño/Diegueño Mission Indian) presenting his engaging, often tongue-in-cheek commentary as *Running Grunion*
- 🌿 1:00 – 1:30 PM - **Re-enactment of Cabrillo's landing at Ballast Point** (narrated by Gary Correia)
- 🌿 1:35 – 1:45 PM - Welcome of Juan Rodríguez Cabrillo (portrayed for the 14<sup>th</sup> straight year by Donald Valadao), His Soldiers and Priest, the 2009 Miss Cabrillo Festival, the 2009 Queen of the Casa de España and Introduction of Special Guests
- 🌿 1:45 -2:30 PM - ***Portuguese American Dancers of San Diego*** (Dances from the Azores, Madeira and Portugal)
- 🌿 2:35 – 3:20 PM - ***Olé Flamenco*** and ***Sabor Andalucía*** (Dances from various regions of Spain)
- 🌿 3:25 – 4:00 PM – ***Mariachi Chula Vista*** from Chula Vista High School (Mexican Mariachi Music)

Throughout the day, there will be basket weaving demonstrations by **Eva Salazar** (San José de la Zorra Kumiai Reservation) and the **16<sup>th</sup> century Spanish Soldiers Living History Encampment with staff and Volunteers-In-Park (VIP) from Cabrillo National Monument**. Staff and volunteers from the **Barona Cultural Center and Museum** will be on hand, throughout the day, to tell about their programs and the peoples who inhabited the San Diego area before Cabrillo's arrival and their descendents. The **Portuguese Historical Center** will have an exhibit on Portuguese history and geography. **High Tech High School** will have a display of maps, photos and books from their research about San Diego Bay and its peoples, past and present. Local artist and muralist **Carmen Linares-Kalo** will exhibit Aztec art. The **Maritime Museum of San Diego** will have displays about the museum, as well as the replica of Cabrillo's flagship, *San Salvador*, which they will soon begin building, as well as an exhibit about the Maritime Museum of San Diego and its programs. **International Student Exchange** will be on hand to tell festival-goers about their programs. Confirmed crafts vendors, including **Gourd Art of Old Town San Diego**, **Eva Salazar** (San José de la Zorra Kumiai Reservation) (Kumeyaay baskets), **Outback Opal**

**Mines** (jewelry) and **Olympia Jewelry** (amber jewelry) will offer festival-goers the opportunity to purchase crafts associated with the peoples and cultures that are part of Cabrillo's story.

The 2009 Cabrillo Festival Art Contest entries, including contest winner Dylan Martos, of Mrs. Wagner's fourth grade class at Vista Grande Elementary School in San Diego, are on display in the Cabrillo National Monument visitor center through the end of September. The theme of the annual art contest and the festival is *Where Cultures Come Together and History Comes Alive*, and entries are accepted from 4<sup>th</sup> grade students throughout San Diego County.

Celebrating over 50 years of supporting Cabrillo National Monument interpretive, educational and scientific programs, the Cabrillo National Monument Foundation ([www.cnmf.org](http://www.cnmf.org)) sells literature and related items about Juan Rodríguez Cabrillo, 16<sup>th</sup> century exploration, the Kumeyaay and San Diego regional history in the Cabrillo Store, located in the visitor center. Visitor center and Cabrillo Store hours are 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM daily.

Taken from the pages of history, the Cabrillo Festival brings to life the story of Juan Rodríguez Cabrillo, a Portuguese conquistador and explorer in Mexico and Central America, who spent his youth in Cuba. Cabrillo sailed for the King of Spain in search of new lands and wealth and helped establish trade routes between Asia and the Americas, playing an important role in the beginnings of today's global economy. Traveling along the West Coast of Baja California, Cabrillo and his crew eventually reached what is now known as San Diego on September 28, 1542, where they were met by the native Kumeyaay/Diegueño Indians, also known as Iipay or Tipay. Unaware of the historical significance of his voyage, Cabrillo secured his place in history and now thousands journey to Cabrillo National Monument each year to commemorate the explorer who touched so many of the cultures of present day San Diego. For more information about the Cabrillo Festival, visit the Cabrillo Festival website [www.cabrillofestival.org](http://www.cabrillofestival.org) or the Cabrillo National Monument website at [www.nps.gov/cabr/](http://www.nps.gov/cabr/).

Cabrillo National Monument, located on Point Loma at the south end of Catalina Boulevard, is open daily from 9:00 AM until 5:00 PM. Public Transportation (Metropolitan Transit System #28 Bus connecting with the #84 Bus) is available, weekdays only, from the Old Town Transit Center to both Naval Base Point Loma and Cabrillo National Monument, and visitors are encouraged to help reduce traffic congestion and emissions which contribute to global climate change by taking public transportation. However effective September 6, 2009, weekend bus service to both Cabrillo National Monument and Naval Base Point Loma have been discontinued. For additional information call 619-557-5450, extension 0 or TTY 619-222-8211.

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